GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:17
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2016
Mines to GMDC
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Union Government has returned four proposals to the State Government of Gujarat out of the eleven bauxite mining lease proposals for mines in Jamnagar and Kutch districts for prior approval and relaxation of section 6(1) (b) of the Mines and Mineral Development and Regulation (MMRD) Act, 1957 received in the Ministry of Mines;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the current status of the remaining seven proposals;
(c) whether any requests have been received by the Union Government from the State Government of Gujarat to expedite the approval for the above bauxite mining leases in favour of Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (GMDC); and
(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard so far?

Answer

(a) : Yes Madam. 11 bauxite mining lease proposals for mines in Jamnagar and Kutch districts for prior approval and relaxation of section 6(1) (b) of the Mines and Mineral Development and Regulation (MMDR) Act, 1957 were received in Ministry of Mines. Out of 11 proposals, 4 proposals were returned to the State Government as mineralization in the subject area was not established.
(b) : The status of remaining 7 proposals is annexed.
(c) &(d): The State Government has forwarded its detailed inputs on the proposals on 10.2.2016 and the same have been forwarded to Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) on 25.2.2016. The IBM is in the process of collecting the requisite clarification from its field office.
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